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Labor leadership candidate MK Ehud Barak (right) confers with competitor MK Yossi Beilin at the party convention yesterday, where Barak's proposal for closed primaries was adopted. (Dana Stein/Liaison)

Barak wins big at Labor convention

LABOR leadership candidate MK Ehud Barak emerged victorious yesterday from the party convention, which adopted his proposal for "closed primaries," which could pave his way to the party leadership.

MICHAEL YUDELMAN
"I asked myself, what is the right way? How was the late Yitzhak Rabin, who led us to victory for the first time in 20 years, elected? By closed primaries."

when he urged them to abandon "the tendency to bash each other and tear candidates' legs and arms off. We'll only be able to persuade the public that we are attentive and open to all its sectors if we practice this at home. Only when we form a team and a captain who convey freedom of thought, pluralism and unity in action can we ask the public to give us its confidence in the elections in the year 2,000, and preferably earlier."

Albright: Ross doing a 'brilliant job'

SECRETARY of State-designate Madeleine Albright pledged yesterday that the peace process would remain a top priority when she enters office.

DAVID MAKOVSKY, HILLEL KUTTLER and JON IMMANUEL
Ross briefed Netanyahu on his talks with Arafat yesterday.

side not to finish the negotiations," Netanyahu told reporters yesterday. "When the other side decides, we will finish the negotiations. We cannot impose (this) but it is clear that we are insisting upon essential things."

Soldier killed, eight wounded in Lebanon

AN IDF soldier was killed and eight others were wounded yesterday in fierce fighting in south Lebanon, as at least one Katyusha rocket fell in Western Galilee.

DAVID RUDGE
Deir Sirman in the central sector, spotted the Hizbullah squad of four gunmen and opened fire. It was not clear whether all four were killed or wounded in the exchange.

ately launched searches in the area which revealed that at least one Katyusha rocket had fallen on open ground not far from the village. There were no injuries or damage.

Levine warns Hizbullah

DAVID RUDGE
OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine yesterday issued a stern warning to Hizbullah that it is "walking a tightrope" and risks a heavy IDF response to its recent escalation in hostilities.

Meanwhile, the committee monitoring the Grapes of Wrath understandings yesterday completed its deliberations into complaints by Israel and Lebanon with a plea to all the sides in the conflict to respect and uphold the understandings that ended the cross-border fighting last April.

IDF using soldiers as guinea pigs in nerve gas antidote experiments

THE IDF admitted yesterday that it has been testing a nerve gas antidote and other drugs on soldiers for decades, but dismissed charges that soldiers are forced to participate in the experiments.

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
and all medical research in the IDF is first approved by the Helsinki Commission on Human Rights. He also admitted that there were other experiments being conducted as well.

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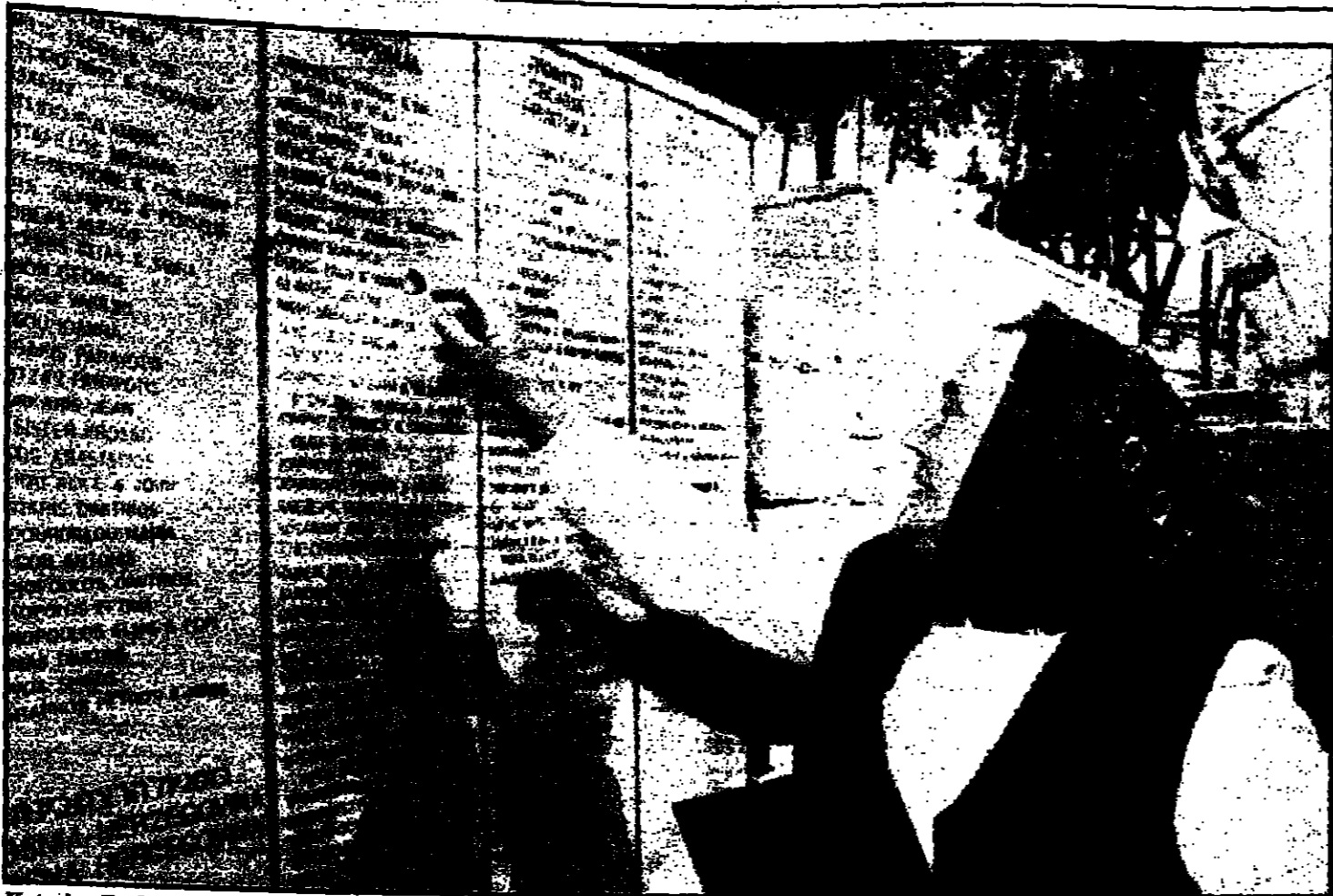
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Katarina Dudas points to the names of her late parents, Anna and Palo Dudas, of Serbia, who were recognized yesterday at Yad Vashem as Righteous Gentiles. In 1942, the Dudas family hid nine Jews on their farm, where the Jews were fed by Katarina, who was then eight. Palo Dudas was subsequently arrested, while the Jewish family, with the exception of two daughters, was killed. The Dudases helped the two daughters escape to a neighboring village. Katarina later converted to Judaism and came to live in Israel. (Photo: Batsheva Tsur; Photo: Isaac Harari)

Burg: Delamuraz must retract remarks

JEWISH Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, who yesterday held consultations with Jewish leaders in Paris, said last night the negotiations with the Swiss over dormant bank accounts could not resume until former Swiss president Jean-Pascal Delamuraz retracted his remarks about Jewish organizations.

Burg demanded that the entire federal council, Switzerland's cabinet, condemn Delamuraz's remark that demands for a compensation fund for Holocaust victims were "extortion and blackmail."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy told the Knesset plenum yesterday that Switzerland is trying to hide its collaboration with the Nazis. The fact that the Swiss parliament decided to reveal secret documents indicates conscience pangs or fear of history's judgement, he said.

He called on Delamuraz to "unequivocally take back" his charge of blackmail. "We have no argument with the Swiss people. We are concerned with one thing: discovering the truth of the biggest

BATSHEVA TSUR

robbery in human history," Levy said.

Levy warned against a boycott of Swiss banks which he said could destroy relations with Switzerland and noted that there was almost no European country that did not take part in "the evil crime."

As the mutual recriminations between the two sides continued, Burg released another strongly worded statement yesterday.

"I have the strong suspicion that the Swiss government... is acting hypocritically and again misleading world public opinion," Burg said. "If the Swiss government's intentions were honorable," he continued, "it would declare that it was opening up to the general public all information on the accounts which were stolen from the Holocaust victims, Jewish and non-Jewish alike."

The Swiss Embassy in Israel yesterday released the text of the federal council's statement from Tuesday. It read, inter alia: "It is

the council's intention to shed all the light, without any restriction whatsoever, on the attitude of the Swiss authorities before, during and after World War II. Along with parliament, it launched a comprehensive process. The aim of this process is to search out the truth."

Manfred Klaffer, president of AMCHA-National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation, said yesterday, in letters to Burg and World Jewish Congress leader Israel Singer: "The fact that the Swiss government capitulated to your just and proper suggestion concerning a fund for Holocaust survivors is a tribute to your moral stance on this painful matter."

In a related development, Polish officials said Tuesday the country's former communist rulers had acted wrongly in using money left in Swiss banks by Poles who died in World War II, including Jews killed in the Holocaust, and announced plans to put matters right.

Liat Collins contributed to this report.

Supervision of non-profit organizations limited, committee hears

EVELYN GORDON

LACK of manpower makes it impossible to properly supervise non-profit associations, several government officials told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

The committee was discussing the State Comptroller's Report on Education Ministry allocations to haredi organizations. The report found that only 27.5% of the 774 organizations checked actually gave all the courses for which they ostensibly received money. Another 39.1% did not give courses at all, and in 19.9% of cases, the number of students was less than the minimum required by the ministry.

In the remaining 3.2% of cases, there were other problems, such as the courses being given by a different institution than the one which received the money.

The report also found that in four out of 12 cases where the ministry discovered that no classes were being run at all, it nevertheless failed to reduce the organization's funding.

Finally, the report uncovered three cases in which institutions

received support from both the Education and the Religious Affairs ministries for the same program, so that government funding accounted for 83.7%-95.5% of their budgets. The maximum funding level is supposed to be 75%.

Ben-Zion Greenberg, the registrar of associations, told the committee there are some 24,000 registered associations in Israel, of which only 15%-20% actually file their requisite financial reports on time, and the vast majority do not file at all. If an association does not file its reports over a long period of time, he said, his office begins the process of revoking its permit. However, he added, supervision is frequently lax, because of a severe manpower shortage.

Deputy Income Tax Commissioner Gary Agron said the Income Tax Commission also tries to oversee the activities, or lack thereof, of non-profit organizations. However, he said, his department's supervision is also less tight than it should be because of the lack of manpower.

Builder Mordechai Meir dies at 86

BUSINESSMAN Mordechai Meir died yesterday at the age of 86.

Lodzia Managing-Director Yair Rotlevy described Meir, whom he met in the '50s when he was managing the Export Bank that Meir and his brothers had founded, as "an energetic businessman" and "a fair banker" who had "a vast amount of energy."

Meir also built Kolbo Shalom into the country's first major store, Rotlevy said. The store was located in the brothers' Tel Aviv's Shalom Tower, which they had named after their father.

Other projects Meir and his brothers Binyamin and Moshe were involved in included building the Tel Shalom neighborhood



Mordechai Meir, who also owned the Meir Chemical Factory, was involved in founding and managing the tennis center in Ramat Hasharon. (Tim)

Car insurance bill ignites Knesset exchange over large families

LIAT COLLINS

ARE large families a blessing or a burden? The question popped up in the Knesset plenum yesterday during a debate on a bill which would make premiums paid by large families on a commercial vehicle used as the family car similar to those paid on private vehicles.

The bill was proposed by MK Hanan Poraz (National Religious Party), father of 11, and soundly condemned by MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui), father of two. It passed preliminary reading 23 to one.

The debate grew heated when Poraz declared that very large families are a burden on the State and not good for the children themselves. The most frequent phrase in the heckling from religious and traditional MKs was "shame on you," and the second most frequent was "bli ayin hara," a prayer to keep away the evil eye, which was uttered automatically every time anyone mentioned how many children they had.

Poraz stressed he was talking of

the particularly large families, and said that the bill would mean those traveling in small family cars would be subsidizing those who choose to have more children. "We're talking about insurance and in insurance there are risks," Poraz said.

"There is a limit to the desirable number of children in a family. A family can't have an infinite number of children. It's not good for the family, it's not good for the children, and it's not good for the general public," Poraz said. He suggested using a phrase other than "blessed with children" to describe families with many offspring.

Poraz described the joy of a large family - his includes one adopted child - and called Poraz's statements "anti-Jewish." Poraz jumped to conclusions when Poraz mentioned "methods" of keeping families small but it turned out the secular MK was advocating decreased child benefits for the sixth child, and not contraceptive methods.

Kibbutz to evict dogs

SOME 120 dogs will find themselves without shelter this weekend unless the Let The Animals Live welfare group can persuade Kibbutz Gili Yam not to evict them. The group has been promised a site in Hod Hasharon to build a new facility, but it will take at least a year to do so, Hasharon's Eri Alman said. However, Gili Yam, where the group currently operates its shelter, has ordered them off its land by Friday. Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen sent the group a letter saying the negotiations for the new site are in the advanced stages and stating her belief that the Kibbutz will allow the shelter to remain on its premises in the meantime. Liat Collins

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Visiting the sister you never had may heal family wounds

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, I have an older sister with Down's syndrome. When she was a little girl, before I was born, my parents institutionalized her. I am not sure whether they visited her while I was growing up, but I have never seen her. They always told me that it would be better for me - socially and otherwise - if I did not discuss her. As I was growing up, I never gave her much thought, as she was somehow a "theoretical," rather than a real sibling.

I have lived in Israel now for several years; my parents remained in the US. Perhaps because Israel has given me a sense of my roots, I have begun to think about meeting my sister. While planning my next trip to the US, I told my mother that I would like to meet my sister. She got very upset, and warned me not to open up old wounds.

Do you think that pursuing this is worth hurting my parents? Perhaps my interest in my sister actually stems from wanting to hurt them, or to feel morally superior?

At a Loss Over Loyalty Somewhere in Israel

Dear Loyalty Lost,

Before examining your motives in relation to your parents, you must first examine them in relation to yourself.

Though you have never set eyes on her, your sister is as much a part of your reality as she is of your parents. As such, the decision to see her, or discuss her with others, must be your own. As long as you were a minor, you were given no choice in the matter. Your parents chose to put her away and keep her a secret - a choice which they then imposed upon you. Now that you are an adult, this kind of imposition is no longer relevant.

What is relevant is the way you seem to envision your desire to return to your "roots" (both with regard to living in Israel and to meeting your sister) as somehow contradictory to wanting to "stick it to" your par-

ents. But these two emotions are not mutually exclusive; they merely exist alongside one another.

Furthermore, it is as much your right as it is your prerogative to defy a family "pact" which feels morally - or otherwise - repulsive to you, even if it "opens up old wounds." In fact, developing some kind of relationship with your sister may end up having a healing effect on family wounds, in a way in which failure on your part to do so may help to fester them.

Dear Ruthie, I suspect that my husband is involved in something underhanded where finances are concerned. Either that, or something worse. Since he denies that anything is wrong whenever I raise the subject, I'm considering hiring a private detective in order to save our marriage or dissolve it. But, hiring a detective is very costly, so I would have to end up being equally underhanded about money. I just don't know what to do.

Suspicious Spouse Somewhere in Israel

Dear Suspicious Spouse,

The very act of hiring someone to spy on one's spouse in itself constitutes a failed marriage. If your suspicions are so great as to justify spending lots of money in order to have them validated, you may as well skip the expense, and go straight to the dissolving of the marriage. Similarly, if a detective is needed to prove your fears baseless, your marriage is equally on its way up the proverbial creek - or on its way down a slippery slope.

If the "underhanded" expense is what's worrying you, why not spend an equally high, yet out-in-the-open, sum on therapy? This, too, would fulfill your original goal of salvaging or dissolving your troubled union.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

Learning from our dreams

Forget Freud. Whether you believe dreams are a conversation with God, or inner wisdom, Ruth Mason found a local, and living, analyst who can help understand personal and global visions



Darius

"A dream uninterpreted is like a letter unopened." - Berachot 55a.

"Mine your dreams for gold," announced the flier posted on lampposts and grocery store doors in the neighborhood's main street. "What do Einstein's theory of relativity, Mozart's music and Milton's Paradise Lost have in common?" the flier continued. "All were inspired by dreams." It went on to advertise a six-week workshop that would, among other things, teach participants to use "dream energy" to solve problems, unleash creativity, and conquer fears.

According to the Complete Oxford English Dictionary, to dream is "to have visions and imaginary sense impressions in sleep." But to the flier's author, self-made dream expert and social worker Tzippi Moss, dreams are much more than that. "There is an ancient notion, found also in Judaism, that our soul leaves the body while we're sleeping and that dreams are the soul's adventures or rendezvous with God or with spirits," says Moss. Indeed, in her workshop, she claims that "a dream can be God talking to you."

Some experts say dreams are just the brain's way of downloading all the input that comes in to us during the day and have no deeper meaning. "But," says Moss, who has read widely on the subject and has taught dream-work to adults, classroom teachers and children, including a course at Ofek, Jerusalem's enrichment program for gifted pupils, "more and more people are seeing dreams as a combination of the brain sorting through and making sense of information, and as having real meaning that can help us in our lives."

"When we dream, we are creating masterpieces every night. All of us - the postman, the garbage collector, your hairdresser, the neighbor that you can't stand - are engaging in the same amazing process. I have found myself awe-struck by the beauty in people's dreams. Whether you call it God's way of talking through us or our own inner wisdom and creativity, it's clear that we all have powerful potential that we are not tapping into during our waking hours."

"Dreams come to teach us about ourselves, to open up new possibilities. They help us become aware of issues we might not have wanted to face, they help us know ourselves better."

Moss's workshop is designed to teach people to do just that. Six participants are gathered around a table on a cool night, ready to find out what can be learned from dreams. Initially, there is a warning to never analyze or interpret someone else's dream. Any interpretation, says Moss, may have more to do with us than with the dreamer. Instead, we listen, while keeping our own ideas on hold. There are many ways to tease out the secret messages dreams have for us. One member of the group shares a dream she had and the rest listen carefully.

Then each person takes turns responding as if it were their own dream. In this way the dreamer gets access to ideas and responses she may not have had but that may ring true to her.

ON ANOTHER occasion, Moss uses the "Marian" approach. "Let's pretend I'm from Mars and don't know anything about life on earth," she says. One workshop participant then tells about a recurring dream she had as a child: "I am crossing a street and a car comes zooming toward me. I need to decide whether I will keep going across, or turn back. Sometimes in the dream, I decide to keep going but then a force pulls me backward. If I decide to go back, the force pulls me forward. Either way, I end up on my hands and knees desperately trying to make it to the other side while the car gets closer and closer."

Pretending to be a naive extra-terrestrial, Moss asks, "What's a street? What's a car?" Sometimes your answers may provide you with a clue you might not have thought of otherwise. "What's the force?" she asks.

"Something sinister beyond my control pulling me toward disaster," says the dreamer. As always, Moss asks "What feelings are you aware of in the dream?" Panic, the dreamer says. "With recurring dreams, you need to ask, when did they begin? When did they end?" advises Moss. She then asks if her answers remind the dreamer of anything that was going on at the time. "It was during the Sinai cam-

paign," she says. "We were living on a kibbutz in the south and we were being shelled." For the first time she makes a connection between this mysterious, recurring dream and the frightening reality that was around her.

Another way to work with a dream is to diagram it. One way to do this is to make two columns: one for all major actions, and another for associated feelings. Often, the feelings that emerge can be clues about the connection this dream has with issues in the dreamer's life, says Moss.

"Dreams often allow us to have feelings that we repress in our waking life," says Moss. "If you're lucky enough to remember the dream, it can allow you to bring an awareness of a situation more into consciousness." Moss gives an example of a dream she had while she and her family were spending several years back in the US and were struggling with the decision of whether or not to return to Israel. (She hails from Milwaukee and lived in Minnesota.) "I had a very powerful dream in which I'm in a house, but I'm not sure whether it is in Israel or the US. The dream was telling me, 'You're not sure where your home is. It showed me my conflict in an image. I hadn't been that aware of how difficult this issue was for me.'"

Moss says some dream groups work out better than others, depending largely on participants' willingness to open up. "What I got out of Tzippi's workshop," says one participant, "was the notion that I should pay attention to and think about my

dreams because they might contain messages for my life."

"The other night I dreamt that a friend looked into my shirt pocket and saw a bundle of cash. She said, 'You're rich!' I replied, sarcastically, 'Oh, yeah, I have 150 shekels.' She looked me in the eyes and said, 'Some people only have four shekels.' When I woke up, I realized that what this person said in the dream was very relevant to my life. My kids drive me crazy, my marriage isn't what I imagined it would be. I have a huge overdraft. The dream was reminding me to focus on the positive, to count my blessings, to take a second look at all the wonderful things in my life that I take for granted. It was a reminder I needed."

Another participant found the workshop experience frustrating. "I felt we spent more time telling our dreams than working on them," she said. "And I wasn't willing to open up and get personal with people I'd only be with for six weeks." But several of those who have attended Moss's workshops have gone on to form their own informal dream groups.

Moss has a dream of her own: to create a "dreaming for peace" group that would be made up of Arabs and Jews, settlers and leftists, religious and secular, immigrants and natives. "Bringing together people of very different cultural, political, and religious orientations to share their dreams can foster tremendous understanding and respect," Moss says. She sees such a group as her personal contribution to the peace process.

You're not too busy to read this article, leisure experts say

YOU'RE not as busy as you think. Or at least that's what experts in leisure studies say. Free time, they contend, is actually on the rise.

"There's a big gap between perception and reality in time use," says John Robinson, director of the Americans' Use of Time Project at the University of Maryland. "People have a hard time accepting this."

Robinson's studies show that during a 168-hour week, men work an average of 42 hours, seven fewer than in 1965. Women work about 31 hours, down from 39 hours three decades ago. At the same time, leisure for men and women has increased six hours, from 34 to 40 hours a week.

So why does it feel as if there's not a minute to spare? One explanation is television. "For every extra hour of free time Americans have gained since 1965, they spend an extra hour watching the tube," Robinson says. "Television can keep you from noticing the additional free time."

A culture that promotes instant gratification also helps explain why life seems more hectic than it is. "We want everything fast - fast food, eyeglasses in an hour, drive-through banking. Internally, we feel rushed. And the more rushed someone feels, the more they feel pressed for time," says Geoffrey Godbey, a professor of leisure studies at Pennsylvania State University.

The problem isn't lack of time, Godbey says, it's self-delusion. "To admit you sit around watching TV with a can of beer is to say, 'I have no inner life.' People constantly underestimate their free time and overestimate their work hours. They're in denial." Those who are motivated to get off the couch are confronted with a tantalizing array of options, all seemingly worthy of a chunk of time, he adds. "Leisure is a mind set," Godbey says. "If you're running around building your identity around leisure activities, packing a lot into a day, you're going to feel

pressed for time."

Of course, some people really don't have a lot of spare time. Many working parents struggle to get it all done. But with the media and marketers focusing on this hyperactive group, a popular misconception follows: Everyone is too busy. The reality is that when the free time enjoyed by single people, childless couples, retirees and others is taken into account, work and leisure are in surprising balance.

Recent surveys suggest Americans are becoming more aware of their downtime. Robinson reports a slight decrease in the number of people who say they feel rushed all of the time. Moreover, a slightly higher number of people are saying that they have more free time than before.

"Either attitudes are changing or people are learning to cope," Robinson says. "The great American rat race may have begun to slow down."

(Los Angeles Times)

Robert Daniell, liberator of Belsen, dies at 95

ROBERT Daniell, the British tank commander who smashed open the gates of the Belsen concentration camp in 1945, has died, aged 95.

Daniell was the first Allied witness to the horrors of Belsen. He was a lieutenant colonel in the 10th Hussars, who were operating in northwest Germany in April 1945. The column was nearing a German camp when an enemy major ran towards it. "I thought that was odd because you never saw a

German officer with his coat flapping," Daniell recalled in an interview with The Associated Press in 1992. "He said we shouldn't go on because there was disease ahead, typhoid. Tanks never took prisoners so we waved him behind us."

Ordered to check out the camp, Daniell crashed his tank through the gates, and encountered no resistance from guards. "I saw a man go to a door of a building and lock it. I shot the lock off and found it was the hospital. It was crammed with

dozens of bunks on which lay starving, sick and helpless people. Those in the bottom tiers had drowned in urine and excrement coming down from those at the top," Daniell said.

"I walked down a slope to some large shelters, shot off the locks and found hundreds of naked and semi-naked skeletal people lying on straw. I tried to get them out but they were too frightened. I found five little children sitting on the naked, the bloated body of a woman who must have been dead for a week.

"Then I heard shots and found corpses of prisoners who were shot by the guards as they tried to get over the wire when they heard our guns advancing."

There were Hitler Youth shooting prisoners so they would die in agony, the men in the groin and the women up the backside. I was so disgusted I shot the guards with the last four rounds I had. They were the scum of the earth, horrible."

Daniell's unit did not linger at the camp, which still held more than 60,000 prisoners when it was officially liberated three days later. Most were in critical condition, and there were 10,000 more rotting corpses on the ground and in the barracks.

In the first five days of liberation, 14,000 prisoners died and another 14,000 perished in the following weeks.

Daniell, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, retired in 1952 and then spent 20 years with the bodyguard of Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. (AP)

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SHARES advanced for a sixth day yesterday as mutual fund investments in equities outweighed a 5 percent drop in Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. Teva accounts for nearly 10% of the Maof 25 Index, which is near a three-year high. Teva shares, which closed at NIS 17.28 each, were downgraded to "outperform" from "buy" the previous day by New York investment firm Smith Barney. Shares of Supersol Ltd. slipped 1% to NIS 8.79 after the super-market operator was cut to "buy on weakness" from "buy" at Zannex Securities. The securities firm expects Supersol's 1997 earnings per share to drop 7.3% from an estimate of NIS 0.58 for 1996. Demand for the smaller stocks is strengthening, Jonas said. Among the ones he follows is builder Minrav Holdings, which has doubled in the past few months. It closed 3% lower yesterday. Koor Industries Ltd. rose 0.5% to NIS 304.84 while Koor subsidiary Tadiran Ltd. slipped 0.25% to 94.44. Bezeq jumped 2.75% to NIS 8.44. Among other chemical companies, Dead Sea Works eased 0.5% to 8.82, Makhteshim climbed 1.25% to 14.5. Agan added 1.5% to 66.67 and Bromine leaped 4% to NIS 17.65. Elco Holdings moved up 0.75%. (Bloomberg)

Dow falls 51 points

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks turned sharply lower yesterday in heavy trading after interest rates rose toward their highest level since late October in the bond market. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 51.18 points to close at 6,549.48, after spending much of the day slightly below Tuesday's record-high close, which was the first ever above 6,600 for the blue-chip barometer. Broader measures turned negative with bonds, surrendering some modest gains. Declining issues outnumbered advances by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,252 up, 1,290 down and 811 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 556.56 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 558.19m. in the previous session. The Standard and Poor's 500-stock list fell 4.82 to 748.41; and the NYSE's composite index fell 1.65 to 395.25. The Nasdaq composite index fell 7.32 to 1,320.41, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.09 to 576.72.

London stocks edge higher

LONDON (Reuters) - British shares made little headway, closing slightly firmer yesterday as a faltering Wall Street dragged the FTSE 100 index of leading shares back after an earlier rally. The FTSE closed 8.7 points higher at 4,087.5. PARIS - French stocks finished higher in line with other European markets, which were buoyed by a new record on Wall Street and the dollar's strength. The blue-chip CAC-40 index finished up 29.93 points, or 1.3%, at 2,331.62. TOKYO - Japanese stocks took another steep tumble, with the key market index falling 1.14% to its lowest close in more than a year on deepening gloom about the economy. The benchmark Nikkei 225 average shed 215.81 points or 1.14% to close at 18,680.38.

BARAK

(Continued from Page 1) expected. This time Ramon, who once described the Labor establishment as suicidal whales, used the image of Gulliver and the Lilliputians. He warned Barak not to listen to the party functionaries "whispering in your ear, trying to create a dependency on them which will prevent you from reaching the broad public. You think you'll be able to shake yourself free of them." "You are a literary man," Ramon continued. "And I know you must have read Gulliver's Travels. You remember that picture when thousands of tiny Lilliputians wrap Gulliver with thin threads and he thinks he can easily rip them off. You too will think that, but you won't be able to break the threads and reach the public." He called for open primaries so that "300,000, 400,000 or even 500,000 can vote for the best candidate. He will be the captain and we will all unite around him. The one elected by so many will be elected prime minister as well. But one who is elected only by the party functionaries, will be only party chairman, not prime minister." Barak commented later, "I am not Gulliver, and I'm not surrounded by dwarves. I'm a captain with a team." At the opening of the convention Labor Chairman Shimon Peres called for unity in the party and urged the leadership contenders to act with restraint and refrain from causing a rift in the party. A mini-drama preceded the convention, when it became apparent that all the speakers wanted to address the delegates last. At the end, convention president chairman David Liba held a lottery, and Ramon won, with Barak winning the slot of one before last.

ALBRIGHT

(Continued from Page 1) fix a meeting between Arafat and Netanyahu was due entirely to Netanyahu's behavior. "Netanyahu's statements are a true picture of the disaster the peace process is going through. The man hates the Oslo agreement... It is not that Netanyahu has difficulties inside his government [on guaranteeing deployment dates]. He himself hates the agreement more than any other minister. His excuses are the biggest deceit." The statements which angered Arafat concerned Netanyahu's claim in a talk to Israel Bonds activists Tuesday night that the Oslo agreement "is a bad agreement... negotiated without due attention to military and security details." Erez, head of the Palestinian steering committee on Hebron, said on Palestine Radio yesterday

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Table of stock prices and changes for various companies in the Tel Aviv market, categorized by Multi-sided trading, Two-sided trading, and Afternoon/Morning trading.

ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

Table of international stock prices for various companies, categorized by New York, London, and other international markets.

Key Representative Rates: US Dollar, Sterling, Mark exchange rates.

NYSE STOCK MARKETS: New York market indexes including DJ Industrials, DJ Transport, etc.

Other stock market indexes: NYSE 100, Singapore, Hong Kong, etc.

Israeli stocks in US: NYSE/AMEX/NASDAQ/OTC listings for various Israeli companies.

NEED MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US): Exchange rates for various currencies.

Labor rates: Interest rates for various terms.

Foreign financial data courtesy of CommStock Trading Ltd. Futures, Options, Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds.

US commodities: Prices for various commodities like Gold, Silver, etc.

London commodities: Prices for various commodities like Cocoa, Wheat, etc.

Spot market metals (US): Prices for various metals like Gold, Silver, etc.

New York metal futures: Prices for various metal futures contracts.

London metal futures: Prices for various metal futures contracts.

Jordanians protest Israeli trade fair in Amman

AMMAN (AP) - Security forces on horses and camels blocked more than 4,000 angry protesters yesterday from disrupting the opening of the first Israeli trade fair in Jordan.

The protesters, chanting "Allahu akbar" or "God is great" tried to push through police six deep about a kilometer from the fair site, but could not get nearer. Police firing water cannons failed to disperse the crowd.

After six hours of noisy but peaceful protest, the participants dispersed quietly, saying labor and trade unions would hold a three-day strike against the fair. It opened yesterday despite the demonstration, though it began three hours behind schedule.

The crowd carried banners reading "Jordan is not the Zionist bridge to the Arab world" and "A massacre in Hebron and an exhibition in Amman," referring to Pvt. Noam Friedman's shooting spree in Hebron last week.

There were no reports of injuries and arrests in Tuesday's protest on the outskirts of Amman. It developed into a standoff between the demonstrators and about 1,000 police, some on horses and camels and others leading dogs. Many of the police were armed with assault rifles and clubs.

"We reject dealing with the Zionist enemy in view of its aggression on Arab countries," said Khalil Haddadin, a member of Parliament representing the Jordanian branch of the Arab Baath Socialist Party, the ruling party in both Syria and Iraq.

The protest - the largest in Amman since the 1990-91 Gulf war - underlines growing opposition to normalizing ties with Israel while Israeli-Palestinian peace talks remain stalled.

Efforts to cancel the trade fair have been led by Islamic fundamentalists. But lack of progress in the Middle East peace process also drew many members of centrist political parties.

Representatives of 20 of the 23 recognized political parties were taking part in the protest. The demonstrators included legislators, trade union activists and members of women's federations and Islamic fundamentalist groups.

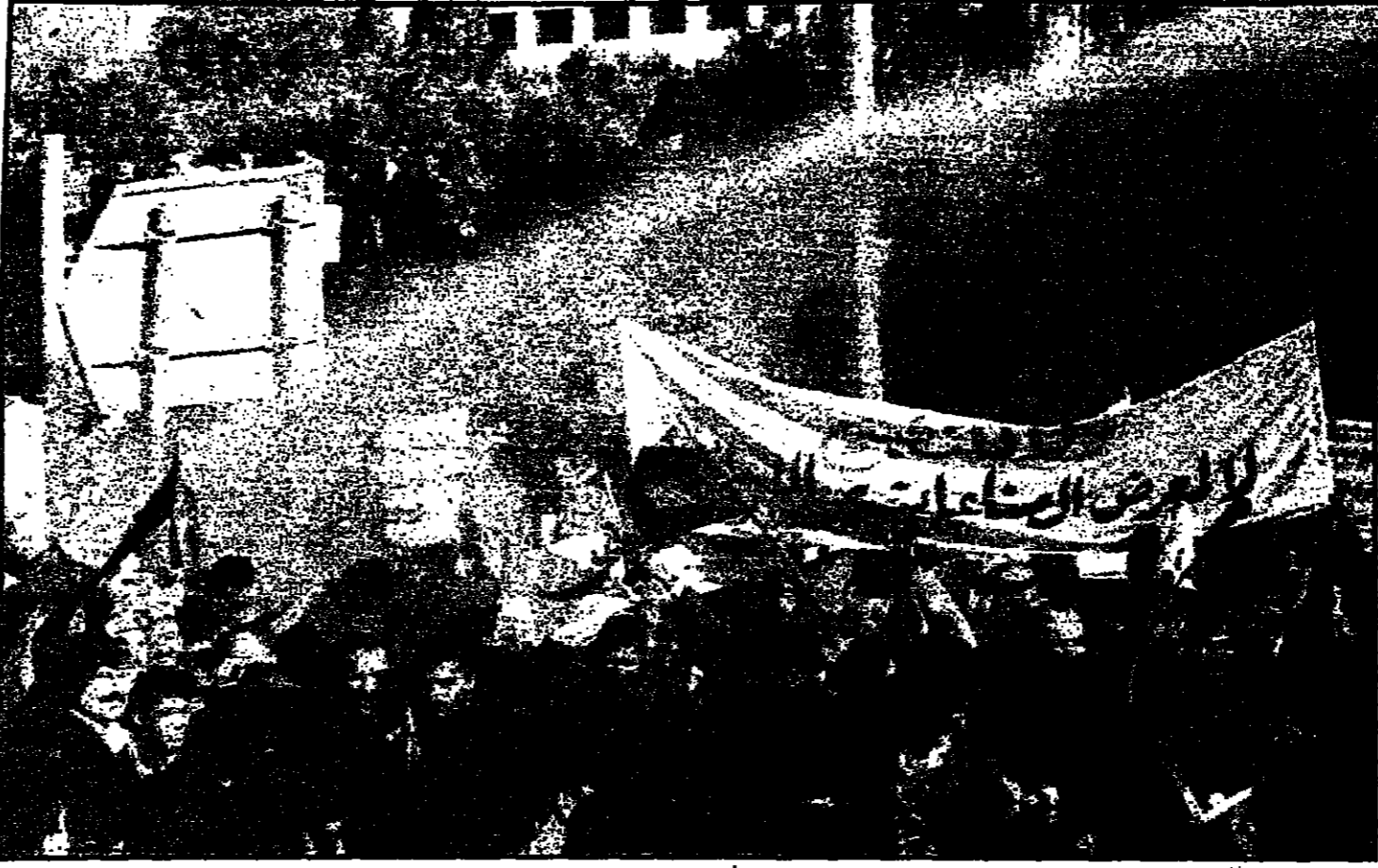
At the blue hangar where the fair is being held, fair officials and representatives of Israeli companies could be seen watching the demonstration. About 200 Israeli companies had been expected to take part, but only 70 sent exhibits, apparently because of efforts to stop the fair.

Police had blocked off all streets leading to the fair, meaning many invited guests were unable to reach the exhibition hangar, which is painted inside with the blue and white colors of the Israeli flag.

Aran Ayyash, an interior decorator from Herzliya, said he was frightened by the anger of the protesters.

"When you find people who don't want you, you feel afraid," he said.

Ambassador to Jordan Shimon Shamir said in inaugurating the fair that "it is the right of opposition groups to protest because Jordan is a democratic country."



Amman police fire a water cannon over Jordanians protesting against the Israeli trade fair which opened there yesterday. (Reuters)

Ben Yair: I resigned over lack of trust

EVELYN GORDON

THE cabinet is to choose a new attorney-general tomorrow, outgoing Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair said yesterday at a partying press conference.

The attorney-general took the opportunity to express his opinion on several issues on the public agenda.

Ben-Yair strongly supported abolishing procedural immunity for MKs, and praised Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon's decision to set up a public commission to study the issue.

Procedural immunity, which was established in 1951 to prevent the government from harassing opposition MKs via the legal system, was understandable in the

context of its time, he said, as no one yet knew how the legal system would turn out.

"But there has never been a case which justified this fear. Therefore, there is no reason to continue this procedural immunity," he continued, noting that it has also increasingly been abused by MKs who use the Knesset to escape prosecution. "And one of the most important foundations of the rule of law... is the principle of equality: That everyone is equal before the law."

Ben-Yair said one of the weakest points of the law enforcement system is police investigations. In recent years, the police have been diverting more and more funds to security at the expense of investigations, and the result is an outdated, slow system with inadequate

manpower and equipment, he said.

Ben-Yair also said he thought the investigation of accidental deaths in the army should be removed from the IDF's hands.

"The investigation of both training accidents and operational accidents should be given to an external body," he said - not because of a lack of faith in the army, but on the general principle that no body should investigate itself.

For the first time, Ben-Yair also elaborated on his reasons for retiring.

"With the establishment of the new government an almost impossible situation was created, in which there was an almost instantaneous, and ongoing, fear that [I] would be replaced. I

thought this was something that should not be done, and I'm glad the government didn't do it... [but it created] an ongoing feeling of alienation and lack of trust," he said.

"When we're talking about such an important position, I thought it would be irresponsible of me to continue to serve when there was such a feeling." While the attorney-general's first loyalty must be to the public, he explained, it is also important that he enjoy the trust of the cabinet.

Finally, Ben-Yair said he had recommended setting up a public commission to look into the entire issue of the attorney-general's status. However, he said, he personally opposed proposals to detach the role of head of the prosecution from the attorney-general's job, saying this would weaken the position.

WEATHER

Golden 7-11
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Colombo	26 33	30 86	rain
Frankfurt	-10 14	-04 25	cloudy
Hong Kong	-01 30	03 39	cloudy
London	-01 30	03 39	cloudy
Lyons	-01 30	03 39	cloudy
Madrid	00 36	06 44	rain
Moscow	-10 14	-08 14	snow
New York	-03 27	-08 21	cloudy
Paris	-04 05	-01 01	cloudy
Rome	08 16	13 22	clear
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War on ideological crime marked Ben-Yair's tenure

EVELYN GORDON

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair considered the war on ideological crime and his efforts to inculcate democratic culture in Israel to be major elements of his tenure. Lack of success in either endeavor could have dangerous consequences, he said.

"[Democratic culture] means tolerance. It means a government that puts limits on itself. It means not infringing on minority rights. It means maintaining the independence of the judiciary, and it means maintaining the independence of the prosecution and the investigative authorities," he said. "I have the feeling that [these values] have not been sufficiently instilled in some sectors of the public."

Ideological crime is only the most glaring expression of this problem. The idea that a "political or ideological goal justifies bending and even breaking democratic rules" is very dangerous, he said, and this belief is not confined to a few individuals.

"Even if these trends [are found] in groups on the fringes, they do not just belong to a few individuals," he stated.

The battle against ideological crime has taken a number of forms, from the decision to outlaw Kach and Kahane Chai, to the indictment of Zo Artzenu for sedition, and to indictments for incitement, but it cannot be waged solely by the legal system, he said. Everyone - politicians, educators and religious leaders - must work to inculcate democratic values.

Administrative detentions are also part of the war on ideological crime, he added.

"[We use these measures] when there is no evidence, or not enough evidence, for criminal proceedings, but there is a fear of future [violent] action, and it must be prevented," he said.

While a democratic state "does not welcome administrative measures - not against Jews and not against non-Jews" - they are sometimes necessary to prevent a serious crime, he said.

Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the ace of spades, the jack of hearts, the queen of diamonds and the ace of clubs.

El Al employee returns envelope with \$30,000 to bride-to-be

PLANNING a wedding can mean keeping track of an overwhelming number of details, and a woman flying recently from New York to Tel Aviv for her wedding lost track of \$30,000 of them.

The bride-to-be left an envelope containing \$30,000 in cash on the airplane. Thanks to the honesty of El Al employee Etti Asraf, however, she still has the money to pay for her wedding.

Asraf found the large envelope while cleaning out the airplane's cabin to prepare for the next flight. She took it to her supervisor, and the two of them were shocked to find it contained \$30,000 in bundles of \$5,000.

Just as they were reporting their discovery to El Al's office at Ben-Gurion Airport, the distraught woman came in to ask for help.

Asraf returned the envelope to her, and she pulled several hundred dollars out to reward her.

But Asraf refused the award, saying it was all in a day's work.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Harel tries to head off bid to raise MKs' wages

LIAT COLLINS

MK Yehuda Harel (Third Way) filed an urgent request to Knesset House Committee Chairman Rafael Pinhasi (Shas) yesterday asking him to revise the committee's decision to raise MKs' wages.

In his letter Harel wrote: "It is unacceptable that MKs ignore the severe cuts in the national budget which they endorsed last week, and will thrust on the Treasury a heavy burden in the form of a wage rise for themselves."

Harel also claimed that the subject had not appeared on the committee's agenda on Monday and he had not been present when it was unexpectedly raised. He asked Pinhasi to convene a meeting as soon as possible to reconsider the matter.

MKs granted themselves the 6.9 percent wage hike Monday in keeping with the recommendations of the Rozen-Zvi Report.

The previous Knesset decided to forgo the increase but after ministers' ministry directors-general and mayors all received the increase, the parliamentarians were no longer prepared for self-sacrifice. The 6.9% is on top of the 33% increase they received in October 1996 in exchange for giving up the right to moonlight.

David Harris adds:

Finance Minister Dan Meridor is calling on the Knesset Finance Committee not to approve salary increases and improved pension arrangements to MKs and ministers.

Meridor wants MKs to set a personal example in a year in which Meridor wants to restrict pay increases in general to a minimum. In order to present his case, Meridor has asked committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) to allow him to appear before the committee at its earliest convenience.

Matza plans to increase National Health Council's role

JUDY SIEGEL

HEALTH Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday expressed his "disappointment" in the National Health Council, which was meeting for the fifth time in two years and has "not fulfilled its function of advising the minister."

For Matza, who replaced Tzahi Hanegbi as minister recently and is the fifth health minister in four years, it was his first appearance before the council - a public body of 31 representatives man-

dated by the two-year-old National Health Insurance Law. The members include representatives of the health funds, unions, voluntary organizations, Israel Medical Association, pharmacists and others involved in the health system.

The law states that the council must convene at least four times a year; thus yesterday's three-hour session at a ministry building in Jerusalem should have been the ninth session.

BEZEQ

The Israel Telecommunications Corp. Ltd.

Notification of amendment to the publication of an invitation of proposals for the supply of:

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The tender documents will be supplied on submitting a receipt of payment for NIS1,000 (non-refundable).

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The receipt, with company details and authorized trader's number be faxed to 972-2-5378113. Please phone afterwards, to obtain confirmation or receipt of the fax.

A meeting and site visit will take place at 9.00 hrs on February 24, 1997 at Bezeq's Head Office, 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem. Attendance is a pre-requisite for companies wishing to participate in the tendering process. Companies that do not attend the visit shall not be able to participate in the process.

Pre-qualification documents should be placed in the tender's box not later than 8.00 p.m. on March 11, 1997.

No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid, or to order the entire work from one source.

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Tender	Description	Option	Last Date for Proposals	Documents Cost	Tel. for Inquiries
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68/97/052/0	Light commercial vehicle, up to 1800 kg., 1800-1900 cc diesel	As detailed in tender docs.	4.3.97	NIS1000	02-5395615/4

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 - Willingness to provide a guarantee, as explained in the tender documents.
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